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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, January 5, 1933.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1932, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1932; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redispotion, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

RECEIPTS

The following table shows, in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1:—

4		P.D. 46
Commissions		\$15,735 00
Corporation Certificates		366,602 08
Limited Partnerships		370 00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		4,075 00
Sale of Books, etc. 19,671.17 {		
128.25 }		19,799 42
Certificates		2,524 00
Military Records		89 10
Copies:		
Corporations	\$5,698 78	
Archives	3,890 48	
		9,589 26
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	\$1,482 00	
Advance Sheets	498 00	
		1,980 00
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		\$420,763 86

COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1932, was 3,461 (a decrease of 648 from the preceding year), of which 332 were without fee and 75 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,593
Justices of the peace	509
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	14
Justices, Supreme Court	2
Justices, Superior Court	2
Justice, Juvenile Court	1
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	8
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	6
Trial Justices	4
Clerks, municipal and district courts	23
Register of Probate and Insolvency	1
Sheriff	1
Masters in chancery	9
Public administrators	8
Special state police officers	38
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	120
Public warehousemen	40
Medical examiners	13
Associate medical examiners	8
Commissioners to qualify public officers	4
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Fall River Board of Finance	2
Mashpee Advisory Commission	3
Member of Governor's Council	1
Supervisors of Elections, City of Chelsea	12
Supervisors of Elections, Town of Tyngsborough	2
Supervisors of Elections, City of Attleboro	2
Supervisors of Elections, City of Revere	34
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	3,461

Certificates to the number of 6,390 were issued, of which 1,342 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

CORPORATION DIVISION (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1932, was 2,727 — an increase of 82 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1931. They were classified as follows: —

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Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12).	2,498
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	203
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	7
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	5
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	9
Trust company (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	1
Water companies (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 9)	2
Safe deposit company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 2)	1
Street railway company (under General Laws, chapter 161, section 136)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 20,949 — a decrease of 426 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1931. Of these, 16,849 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,498 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 203 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 432 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 26 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,204, of which 2,103 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 18 other classes.

There were issued 28 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 26 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 19 cases, 6 charters declared void, and 5 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one such application was withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 37 were filed and recorded.

Two thousand six hundred and forty-eight certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied — a decrease of 254 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1931.

LABELS, TRADE-MARKS, ETC., (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 148 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 15 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

INSIGNIA OF SOCIETIES AND LABOR UNIONS (Room 333)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

MARKS AND DEVICES ON CANS, ETC., (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 3 such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 17 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1931, which were received in 1932, cover 69,385 births and 26,296 marriages, a decrease of 4,305 births and a decrease of 1,135 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1930.

Under the provisions of the same law 48,743 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1931, to December 31, 1931, a decrease of 760 as compared with the returns of 1930.

Medical examiners' returns for 1931 cover 8,028, an increase of 46 as compared with the returns for 1930.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1931 number 4,303, a decrease of 257 as compared with the returns for 1930.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1931 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 2, 1932.

During the year 3,248 certificates of birth, 1,941 certificates of marriage and 1,135 certificates of death were issued, a total of 6,324. Of these 3,294 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims. There were 16,708 requests for records. Fees received from these certificates amounted to \$1,482.00.

5,383 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge.

There were 3,677 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 154 corrections of marriage and 184 corrections of death records were also received.

CHANGES OF NAMES OF PERSONS

The returns of 1,217 names, changed in 1931 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

ARCHIVES DIVISION (Room 438)

There have been made during the fiscal year 78 military certificates, 21 typewritten copies, and 21,582 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc.

The following fees have been received: military certificates, \$89.10; typewritten copies, \$34.30; photostatic copies, \$3,856.18; totalling \$3,979.58.

Three hundred and fifty copies each of New Bedford births to 1850 and New Bedford marriages to 1850, both compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased, and have been distributed to libraries by the Document Division (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 199, Acts of 1922).

From the Massachusetts Historical Society has been received Vol. XIII of the reprint of the Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts (1735-36).

PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION (Room 118)

During the year 1932 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 62,781 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 76 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions: 3,130 copies of the Acts and Resolves passed by the General Court of Massachusetts at an extra session, 1931; 10,000 copies of the 1932 pamphlet edition of the session laws; 9,054 copies of the 1932 bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1932, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 273, 274, 275, 276 and 277, total 2,270 copies; 604 copies of the Proceedings of the Sixty-sixth Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1932; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1931; 1,510 copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Encampment, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1931; 802 copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1931; 350 copies each of Volumes 1 and 2 of the Early Vital Records of New Bedford, total 700 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 13, 1735-36; 50 copies of the 1931 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 100 copies of the 1931 report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; 1,030 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks, 1932; 722 copies of the Statutes Relating to Trust Companies, 1932; 1,019 copies of the Statutes Relating to Co-operative Banks, 1932; 1,016 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions, 1931; 1,899 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1931; 10,200 copies of the 1931 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 8,000 copies of the 1932 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 10,098 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 1,880 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Official Addresses, Correspondence and Statements of His Excellency Governor Frank G. Allen, 1929 and 1930; 350 copies of edition of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State Officers, 1932; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 3; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 4; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 5, 7,500 copies each of Vols. 1 and 2 of the Tercentenary Edition of General Laws of Massachusetts, 1931; 10,000 copies of "Portraits of New England Birds"; 2,502 copies of the Report of 1930 National Convention, The American Legion; held in Boston, 1930; 2,920 copies of the Publication "300 Years of the General Court of Massachusetts, 1630-1930"; 1,200 copies of the publication "Massachusetts on the Sea, 1630-1930"; 1,199 copies of the publication "Pathways of the Puritans"; 5,300 copies of map showing Congressional Districts, 1931; making a grand total of 165,936 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1932 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:

Abington, Alford, Arlington, Ashburnham, Ashland, Attleboro, Avon, Ayer, Barre, Bedford, Belchertown, Bellingham, Belmont, Berlin, Bernardston, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Boxford, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Buckland, Burlington, Canton, Charlemont, Chelmsford, Chelsea,

Chester, Chesterfield, Cohasset, Cummington, Dana, Danvers, Dedham, Deerfield, Dracut, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Egremont, Enfield, Erving, Essex, Everett, Fitchburg, Florida, Foxboro, Framingham, Franklin, Goshen, Grafton, Granby, Granville, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Greenwich, Hadley, Halifax, Hampden, Hanover, Hanson, Hardwick, Hingham, Holbrook, Holden, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hubbardston, Huntington, Kingston, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lenox, Leominster, Lexington, Leyden, Littleton, Lunenburg, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marshfield, Medway, Melrose, Mendon, Methuen, Middlefield, Middleton, Milford, Millis, Millville, Milton, Monroe, Monson, Monterey, Montgomery, Mount Washington, Needham, New Marlborough, New Salem, Norfolk, North Attleborough, North Reading, Northampton, Northborough, Northbridge, Norton, Norwell, Norwood, Orange, Palmer, Pelham, Pembroke, Petersham, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Plainville, Plymouth, Plympton, Prescott, Princeton, Quincy, Randolph, Raynham, Revere, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Russell, Salem, Saugus, Scituate, Sharon, Sheffield, Shelburne, Shirley, South Hadley, Southbridge, Stoneham, Stoughton, Sturbridge, Sudbury, Swampscott, Taunton, Templeton, Tolland, Topsfield, Tyringham, Upton, Uxbridge, Wakefield, Ware, Warwick, Wayland, Wellesley, Wendell, West Bridgewater, West Stockbridge, Westminster, Weston, Westwood, Weymouth, Whitman, Williamsburg, Wilmington, Winchendon, Winchester, Winthrop, Worthington, Wrentham.

During the year eight vaults and four safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

On the afternoon of December 21, 1931, fire broke out in the home of the Town Clerk at Sutton. The safe which contained the clerk's records preserved the contents intact.

On the evening of March 6, 1932, fire totally destroyed the home of the Town Clerk at Hampden. The safe which contained the clerk's records preserved its contents intact.

City Halls

The new City Hall at Newton, an impressive War Memorial combined with city offices in a group of buildings of colonial effect, was dedicated on Armistice Day.

Town Halls

The new Town Hall at Pembroke is completed and occupied. The Town of Medway has purchased a building for the Town offices and will occupy it early in January, 1933.

Court Houses

The new Franklin County Court House at Greenfield, of fine Georgian style, that will house the Superior Court, Registries of Deeds and Probate and the District Court, is completed and occupied.

Berkshire County is constructing a new vault in the basement of the Court House Annex at Pittsfield, for the storage of records.

District Courts

Middlesex County has completed its new District Court House at Cambridge.

Norfolk County is constructing a new vault in the Court House at Quincy for the storage of records.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of Lenox, Plymouth, Rockport and Seekonk; Registries of Deeds at Lowell, Northampton and Plymouth; Registries of Probate at Edgartown and Plymouth.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A printed list of approved typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES (1932)

In compliance with General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 209 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 35 as compared with 1931.

Returns covering 208 entries were received from persons, associations, or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. One employer failed to file a return and was therefore reported to the Attorney General. Twenty-three returns appeared not to conform to law, twenty-one of which were later corrected; the other two were reported to the Attorney General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was \$90,129.89; in addition to this \$15,230 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned and \$54,106.25 unapportioned. Twenty employers stated that they paid nothing.

PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations 10,200 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1932, 11,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. On the bicentennial of the birth of George Washington, February 22, 1932, 11,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. On the observance of the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1932, 11,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9, 1932, and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

A proclamation was also issued in observance of the anniversary of the death of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski, October 11, 1932, and 11,000 proclamations were printed and distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1932, 11,000 proclamations were printed and distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In observance of Humane Sunday, April 17, 1932 and "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 18 to 23, 1932, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons, unconditional, made out and issued during the year was 1; pardons, under parole conditions, 33; pardons, full and com-

plete, 6; commutations, 5; respites, 1; requisitions upon other States, 196; upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 35.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws, chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1932: Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Insurance, Board of Registration of Barbers, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works and Metropolitan District Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1931				
Dec. 18	Leominster	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 1-12	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1931
1932				
Jan. 2	Auburn	Police department established, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1931
Feb. 26	Chatham	Appointment of town accountant, G. L. 41, s. 55	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1932
Mar. 1	Pembroke	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1932
Mar. 14	Marblehead	Appointment of assistant assessors, 1921, 14 (G. L. 41, s. 25A)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1932
Mar. 15	Barnstable	Police department established, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1932
Mar. 17	Stonham	Reserve police forces in certain towns, 1930, 15 (G. L. 147, s. 13A)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1932
Mar. 22	Dennis	Board of selectmen to act as assessors, G. L. 41, s. 21	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1932
Mar. 22	Dennis	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, ss. 42-44	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1932
Mar. 22	Dennis	Board of cemetery commissioners, G. L. 114, ss. 22-27	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1932
Mar. 24	Frammingham	Athletic outdoor sports or games on the Lord's day, 1931, 426, s. 244 (G. L. 136, ss. 26-32)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1932
May 14	Braintree	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's Day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-25, as amended	Accepted	Apr. 11, 1932
May 16	Lowell	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56-60	Accepted	May 14, 1932
May 25	Beverly	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, 1930, 399 (G. L. 148, s. 56)	Accepted	May 19, 1932
June 29	Wakfield	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-28, as amended.	Accepted	June 21, 1932
June 29	Arlington	Appointment of assistant assessors, 1921, 14 (G. L. 41, s. 25A)	Accepted	June 21, 1932
July 15	Watertown	Uniforms for members of police and fire departments, 1930, 351 (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted	July 7, 1932
July 15	Watertown	Reserve police forces in certain towns, 1930, 15 (G. L. 147, s. 13A)	Accepted	July 7, 1932
July 19	Norwood	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F	Accepted	July 7, 1932
Aug. 12	Winchendon	Reserve police forces in certain towns, 1930, 15 (G. L. 147, s. 13A)	Accepted	July 22, 1932
Sept. 9	Leominster	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1, 2 and 3	Accepted	Aug. 22, 1932
Sept. 10	Arlington	Public baths or wash houses, G. L. 40, s. 12	Accepted	Mar. 30, 1932
Sept. 10	Arlington	Appointment of assistant assessors, 1921, 14 (G. L. 41, s. 25A)	Accepted	June 21, 1932
Nov. 15	Norwood	Two platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, s. 59	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1932

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				YES	NO
1931					
Dec. 9	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act giving the city council of the city of Cambridge the right to disapprove the granting in said city of certain licenses relative to explosives and inflammables (1931, 388)	Nov. 3, 1931	-1	-
Dec. 9	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Cambridge (1931, 453)	Nov. 3, 1931	-1	-
Dec. 16	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Holyoke (1931, 206)	Dec. 1, 1931	4,598	10,272
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act authorizing the payment of salaries to members of the city council of the city of Brockton (1930, 174)	Dec. 8, 1931	3,527	14,542
Dec. 22	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the compensation of special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston (1931, 136)	Dec. 19, 1931	-2	-
Dec. 22	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act providing additional funds for the purpose of providing a hospital for the Worcester county tuberculosis hospital district (1931, 390)	June 8, 1931	-3	-
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Chelsea (1931, 238)	Dec. 15, 1931	5,844	1,601
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Chelsea (1931, 448)	Dec. 15, 1931	6,271	1,864
Dec. 31	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Worcester to provide adequate accommodations for the central district court of Worcester, the Worcester district registry of deeds and certain other county activities (1931, 56)	Dec. 30, 1931	-3	-
1932					
Jan. 5	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the General Electric Company to maintain a bridge over Federal street in the city of Lynn (1931, 322)	July 28, 1931	-4	-
Jan. 6	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act to provide for the funding by the city of Waltham of certain overpayments of taxes assessed to the Waltham Watch Company (1931, 197)	Apr. 17, 1931	-4	-
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide additional court house accommodations and facilities for the courts and other officials in the county of Suffolk (1931, 384)	Dec. 31, 1931	-	-4
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annuity to or for the benefit of the widow and children of Frank J. Comeau (1931, 427)	July 28, 1931	-	-5
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Frank L. Lyons, a former captain in the fire department of said city (1931, 277)	June 15, 1931	-	-4
Jan. 7	Town Clerk, Scituate	An Act providing for the extension of certain sea walls and other shore protection in the town of Scituate (1931, 424)	Aug. 19, 1931	-1	-
Jan. 8	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners	An Act to provide for the construction, original equipment and furnishing of a nurses' home at the Hampshire county sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1931, 38)	Mar. 21, 1931	-6	-
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act establishing the Chelsea Traffic Commission and defining its powers and duties (1931, 192)	June 22, 1931	-	-7
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Mansfield	An Act providing for a finance committee in the town of Mansfield, (1931, 70)	Feb. 23, 1931	-1	-

Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Bedford	An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Bedford to act as a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards and town officers (1931, 19)	May 19, 1931	128	178
Jan. 14	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to continue the payment of a pension to the widow of Daniel T. Dineen (1931, 446)	July 28, 1931	-4	-
Jan. 14	Clerk, Berkshire County Commissioners	An Act to provide for the construction, original equipment and furnishing of a nurses' home at the Hampshire county sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1931, 38)	Mar. 26, 1931	-8	-
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Foxborough	An Act establishing a part of the boundary line between the towns of Walpole and Foxborough (1931, 307)	Sept. 29, 1931	86	309
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Foxborough	An Act authorizing the town of Foxborough to take over the properties and assume the obligations of The Foxborough Water Supply District (1931, 227)	Sept. 29, 1931	-9	-
Jan. 15	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act giving the city council of the city of Quincy the right to disapprove the granting in said city of certain licenses relative to explosives and inflammables (1931, 431)	Dec. 8, 1931	5,240	5,099
Jan. 15	City Clerk, Medford	An Act abolishing the schoolhouse building commission in the city of Medford (1931, 361)	Nov. 3, 1931	6,528	6,682
Jan. 16	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act providing for the construction of a sea wall and the placing of riprap for the protection of the shore in the town of Marshfield (1931, 407)	July 28, 1931	-10	-
Jan. 16	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act providing for the extension of certain sea walls and other shore protection in the town of Scituate (1931, 424)	July 28, 1931	-10	-
Jan. 16	Town Clerk, Reading	An Act relative to the determination of annual charges for the use of the system of sewerage established in the town of Reading (1931, 85)	Mar. 16, 1931	275	0
Jan. 16	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act relative to the salary of the mayor of the city of Peabody (1931, 53)	Dec. 8, 1931	1,320	2,602
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, Southampton	An Act authorizing the town of Southampton to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1931, 339)	June 22, 1931	-9	-
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act providing for the construction of a sea wall and the placing of riprap for the protection of the shore in the town of Marshfield (1931, 407)	July 15, 1931	-9	-
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, West Boylston	An Act authorizing the town of West Boylston to receive and administer the property of the Mount Vernon Cemetery Association in said town, subject to judicial decree as affecting trust property (1931, 257)	July 1, 1931	-9	-
Jan. 21	Town Clerk, Easton	An Act establishing the Furnace Village Water District of Easton (1931, 147)	Apr. 13, 1931	26	3
Jan. 23	Clerk, West Warren Water District	An Act establishing the West Warren Water District (1931, 425)	July 25, 1931	15	2
Feb. 9	Town Clerk, Chester	An Act authorizing the town of Chester to take over the properties and assume the obligations of the Chester fire district (1931, 355)	Feb. 1, 1932	-9	-
Feb. 11	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, ss. 4)	Nov. 25, 1931	-11	-
Feb. 16	Town Clerk, Billerica	An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Billerica to act as a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards and town officers (1930, 221)	Feb. 6, 1932	766	621
Mar. 3	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to borrow money for the purpose of funding temporary loans issued for the construction of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1932, 10)	Feb. 9, 1932	-12	-
Mar. 10	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Marlborough (1932, 37)	Mar. 9, 1932	-4	-
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act relative to sewer assessments in the town of Norwood (1930, 196)	Mar. 10, 1932	-9	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, ss. 3 and 4)	Mar. 7, 1932	-1	-
Mar. 18	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458)	Mar. 15, 1932	-11	-

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY

—Concluded—

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				YES	NO
1932					
Mar. 23	Town Clerk, Marblehead . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Marblehead to acquire unimproved lands therein for the purpose of establishing shore reservations (1932, 68)	Mar. 21, 1932	—9	—
Mar. 24	City Clerk, Revere . . .	An Act providing for advance payment on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Mar. 23, 1932	—4	—
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Framingham . . .	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, s. 4)	Mar. 21, 1932	—1	—
Mar. 28	City Clerk, Cambridge . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use for a golf course land acquired for a reservoir and for the protection of its water supply (1932, 32)	Mar. 24, 1932	—4	—
Mar. 28	City Clerk, New Bedford . . .	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Mar. 25, 1932	—11	—
Mar. 30	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners . . .	An Act providing additional accommodations and facilities for the courts and county departments of Worcester county (1932, 98)	Mar. 29, 1932	—3	—
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Great Barrington . . .	An Act placing the office of chief of police of the town of Great Barrington under the civil service laws (1932, 42)	Mar. 21, 1932	1,238	364
Apr. 4	City Clerk, Everett . . .	An Act subjecting the office of commissioner of soldiers' relief and state and military aid of the city of Everett to the civil service laws (1932, 92)	Mar. 29, 1932	—4	—
Apr. 4	City Clerk, Everett . . .	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Mar. 30, 1932	—4	—
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Belmont . . .	An Act relative to reserve police forces in certain towns (1930, 15)	Mar. 4, 1932	—9	—
Apr. 6	City Clerk, Lowell . . .	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Mar. 23, 1932	—4	—
Apr. 7	Board of Selectmen, Ware . . .	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Apr. 5, 1932	—13	—
Apr. 9	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners . . .	An Act authorizing the county of Worcester to borrow money for the purpose of funding temporary loans issued for construction of the Worcester county tuberculosis hospital (1932, 111)	Apr. 8, 1932	—3	—
Apr. 20	City Clerk, Medford . . .	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Apr. 14, 1932	—14	—
Apr. 27	Assistant City Clerk, Taunton . . .	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Apr. 18, 1932	—4	—
May 2	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the reconstruction of accepted streets not exceeding the unissued balance of the amount heretofore authorized to be borrowed for certain other street purposes (1932, 176)	Apr. 30, 1932	—4	—
May 3	City Clerk, Medford . . .	An Act relative to pensions for firemen in certain cities (1930, 70)	Apr. 29, 1932	—14	—
May 14	Town Clerk, Braintree . . .	An Act relative to reserve police forces in certain towns (1930, 15)	Apr. 11, 1932	—1	—

May 16	City Clerk, Medford . . .	An Act providing for the establishment of reserve forces in the fire departments of cities (1928, 218) . . .	May 13, 1932	-14
May 20	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Woburn (1932, 61)	May 11, 1932	-4
May 31	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners . . .	An Act authorizing an appropriation by the county of Middlesex toward the reconstruction of a portion of Washington street in the city of Newton (1932, 142) . . .	May 27, 1932	-12
June 11	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for park purposes (1932, 203) . . .	June 9, 1932	-4
June 15	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the reinstatement of Lucius Banks as a member of the police department of the city of Boston (1932, 277)	June 13, 1932	-4
June 21	City Clerk, Cambridge . . .	An Act authorizing the reinstatement of Morris A. Skold as a member of the fire department of the city of Cambridge (1932, 291) . . .	June 7, 1932	-4
June 22	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to construct the Huntington Avenue subway in said city (1932, 306)	June 21, 1932	-2
June 24	City Clerk, Leominster . . .	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the superintendent of wires of the city of Leominster (1932, 66)	June 13, 1932	-4
July 6	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners . . .	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of construction of highways in the towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs (1932, 208)	July 2, 1932	-16
July 6	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners . . .	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a bridge over the outlet of Sengkontacket pond in the towns of Edgartown and Oak Bluffs (1932, 219)	July 2, 1932	-16
July 6	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners . . .	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pay compensation for the death of John F. Weber, caused by an employee at the Walden Pond State reservation (1932, 137)	July 5, 1932	-12
July 6	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the father of Guenivere B. Caverly (1932, 240)	July 5, 1932	-4
July 9	City Clerk, Taunton . . .	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	July 5, 1932	-4
Nov. 3	City Clerk, Springfield . . .	An Act regulating the retirement and pensioning of certain members of the police forces of park boards of cities and towns (1932, 253)	Apr. 18, 1932	-4
Nov. 12	Town Clerk, Marion . . .	An Act to abolish the commission of public works in the town of Marion (1932, 35)	Oct. 25, 1932	-4
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Pittsfield . . .	An Act to revise the charter of the city of Pittsfield (1932, 280)	Nov. 8, 1932	385
Nov. 22	Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners, Somerville . . .	An Act establishing non-partisan municipal elections in the city of Somerville (1932, 281)	Nov. 8, 1932	6,337
			Nov. 8, 1932	11,212
				17,615

¹Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

²Accepted by the mayor and city council.

³Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.

⁴Accepted by the city council.

⁵Rejected by the city council.

⁶Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.

⁷Rejected by the board of aldermen.

⁸Accepted by the county commissioners of Berkshire County.

⁹Adopted by unanimous vote.

¹⁰Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.

¹¹Accepted by the board of aldermen.

¹²Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

¹³Accepted by the board of selectmen.

¹⁴Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.

¹⁵Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.

ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF THE SHERIFFS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1932, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 37, SECTION 23

COUNTIES	AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED				NUMBER OF DAYS' ATTENDANCE				
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commis- sioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultane- ously	Total.
Barnstable .	\$1,500 00	\$820 00	\$2,320 00	\$303 36	—	41	—	—	41
Berkshire .	2,100 00	—	2,100 00	—	—	34	6	—	40
Bristol .	4,741 64	15,892 48	20,634 12	—	—	177	3	—	180
Dukes .	508 00	255 32	763 32	246 87	\$8 45	7	—	4	11
Essex .	5,260 28	18,636 87	23,897 15	—	—	153	—	60	213
Franklin .	2,700 00	360 00	3,060 00	—	—	49	—	—	49
Hampden .	4,773 08	3,128 00	7,901 08	—	—	135	5	15	155
Hampshire .	3,400 00 ¹	1,280 00	4,680 00	—	—	67	12	—	79
Middlesex .	5,100 00	27,476 62	32,576 62	—	—	1,843	—	192	2,035
Nantucket .	953 29	355 00	1,308 29	— ²	— ²	11	—	—	11
Norfolk .	4,000 00	9,357 12	13,357 12	—	—	166	—	86	252
Plymouth .	4,592 80	6,475 00	11,067 80	—	—	176	49	35	260
Suffolk .	3,000 00	42,024 60	45,024 60	—	—	3,344	—	—	3,344
Worcester .	4,500 00	7,876 21	12,376 21	—	—	81	—	433	514
Total .	\$47,129 09	\$133,937 22	\$181,066 31	\$550 23	\$8 45	6,284	75	825	7,184

¹Including refund on bond.

²Allowed to retain fees by statute.

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1932, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.) — *Concluded.*

COUNTIES	CIVIL CASES										CRIMINAL CASES									
	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year			Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court			Number Marked Inactive at Any Time Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule			Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials		Number of Appeals Cases	Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered	Number Disposed of in Previous Years, Brought Forward for Redispotion	Number Disposed of During Year	Number Remaining at End of Year	Number Tried During Year	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year	Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions	
	Law		Divorce and Nul- lity	Law		Divorce and Nul- lity	Law		Divorce and Nul- lity	Jury	With- out Jury									
	Jury	With- out Jury		Jury	With- out Jury		Jury	With- out Jury												
Barnstable	303	103	54	7	2	—	37	41	20	22	3	63	55	77	—	139	56	17	45	19
Berkshire	346	37	49	—	—	—	85	30	29	31	18	73	31	89	3	123	73	6	21	21
Bristol	1,810	293	122	1	3	8	478	256	181	157	33	362	522	768	2	1,236	421	106	219	82
Dukes	—	—	—	13	11	4	4	6	3	1	1	19	7	10	—	11	25	5	—	1
Essex	5,721	813	691	3	3	3	1,227	326	275	3	295	72	107	647	34	1,930	194	264	179	164
Franklin	155	19	28	16	3	10	53	16	24	24	3	26	39	41	72	34	62	18	18	18
Hampden	3,491	824	732	5	2	3	690	287	289	160	194	75	163	239	13	514	137	78	137	48
Hampshire	288	67	41	3	2	3	53	37	29	3	34	1	112	79	31	35	288	98	65	29
Middlesex	10,735	1,535	1,377	15	5	4	2,232	578	481	12	559	165	460	1,810	5	118	3,091	752	649	361
Nantucket	28	28	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	15	27	14	—	38	7	38	7	6
Norfolk	3,155	801	349	6	11	3	709	189	118	5	130	27	384	274	1	824	337	103	302	83
Plymouth	1,381	246	242	69	120	27	185	111	107	23	86	23	285	307	15	72	749	357	92	162
Suffolk	27,410	4,308	4,262	27	70	24	5,057	1,628	1,719	22	1,369	804	495	1,950	52	403	6,682	1,324	1,729	1,180
Worcester	5,378	610	626	3	349	87	933	265	259	1	240	85	108	556	23	67	1,127	182	55	149
Total	60,201	9,684	8,577	328	629	141	11,743	3,770	3,534	233	3,142	1,312	2,664	6,519	206	910	16,800	3,920	3,371	3,055
																				1,955

No separate sessions. Court sat during the year about three days for all business, civil and criminal.